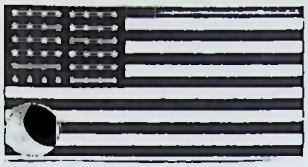


CAMP WHITE GRENADE II

"PRESERVING THE PAST FOR THE FUTURE"

VOL. 1 NO. 2 NEWSLETTER OF THE CAMP WHITE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION AUGUST 1995

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SINCE THE CAMP WHITE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION WAS INCORPORATED AUGUST 24, 1994 MUCH HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN ROY ERICKSON AND V.P. MEL COTTON HAVE WORKED DILIGENTLY AT INCREASING OUR MEMBERSHIP. WE NOW HAVE 89 MEMBERS, MANY CONTRIBUTED IN ADDITION TO THEIR MEMBERSHIP FEE.

ALL MEMBERS OF OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD TO MAKE OUR GOALS POSSIBLE.

OUR TREASURER OTTO EWALDSEN NOW RESIDES IN PORT LUDLOW, WASHINGTON WHICH SOMETIMES DELAYS COMMUNICATIONS BUT SO FAR THERE HAVE BEEN NO PROBLEMS. HIS PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THE SOUTHERN OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS AN ASSET TO OUR ORGANIZATION.

AS PRESIDENT I HAVE CONFERRED WITH JACKSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS JACK WALKER, RICK HOLT, AND SUE KAPILLAS. ALL BELIEVE OUR PROJECTS TO BE WORTHWHILE AND HAVE PROMISED SUPPORT. I WAS ALSO RECENTLY INTERVIEWED BY CHANNEL 10 TELEVISION NEWS ABOUT THE PURPOSE OF OUR ORGANIZATION.

I HAVE ALSO CONFERRED WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

BECAUSE OUR PROJECTS ARE ON GOVERNMENT PROPERTY WE ARE NOT SUBJECT TO STATE OR COUNTY REGULATIONS.

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECENTLY APPROVED A SUGGESTION BY MR. ANDRIES, DOMICILIARY DIRECTOR, TO CONSTRUCT OUR PROPOSED MONUMENT AROUND THE EXISTING AMERICAN FLAG POLE IN FRONT OF THE VETERANS DOMICILIARY.

CHARLIE WHITE OUR MONUMENT CHAIRMAN IS CONSULTING WITH HIS BROTHER WHO IS AN ARCHITECT ON A FINAL BLUEPRINT. AS SOON AS COST ESTIMATES ARE DETERMINED AND MATERIALS SELECTED I WILL SEEK VARIOUS SOURCES FOR FUNDING. I WILL ALSO TALK TO MR. SKUNDRICK, LTM INC. GENERAL CONTRACTORS, ABOUT POSSIBLE DONATION OF NEEDED MATERIALS. (CONCRETE ETC.)

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND I WILL WORK HARD TO ACCOMPLISH OUR GOALS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

ORIN G. BARTHOLOMEW
PRESIDENT CWHA

FROM THE CURATOR

OUR EVER GROWING COLLECTION OF MEMORABILIA IS APPROACHING 200 ITEMS ON HAND THAT INCLUDE PHOTOS, DOCUMENTS, G.I. EQUIPMENT, BOOKS, UNIFORMS, SOUVENIRS AND MANY OTHER PIECES NOT RELATED TO THE MILITARY, BUT ARE OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE TO THE HISTORY OF OUR NATION.

OUR PURPOSE IS TO PRESERVE THE HISTORY OF OUR COUNTRY AND THE MEMORY OF THOSE WHO SERVED IN ANY CAPACITY TO PROTECT THE FREEDOMS THAT WE ENJOY TODAY.

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO SEARCH AROUND FOR ANY PIECES OF MEMORABILIA THAT YOU WOULD CARE TO SHARE AND ENTRUST TO OUR SAFEKEEPING AND DISPLAY. WE WILL CATALOG AND INDEX YOUR GIFT WITH A DESCRIPTION AND RELATED INFORMATION OF EACH ITEM. YOU WILL RECEIVE, FOR YOUR PERSONNEL FILES, AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT NAMING YOU AS THE DONOR.

YOUR DONATIONS, NO MATTER HOW LARGE OR SMALL, FROM A 105MM HOWITZER TO A "C" RATION CAN, WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

ITEMS WE ARE CURRENTLY SEEKING ARE:
THE 80 ISSUES OF THE "CAMP WHITE GRENADE".
THE 3 ISSUES OF "CAMP WHITE ROGUE" MAGAZINE.
U.S. ARMY OFFICERS UNIFORMS.
U.S. ARMY ENLISTED MENS UNIFORMS.

IF NEEDED, PICK UP OF YOUR GIFT CAN BE ARRANGED BY CALLING, MEL COTTON (503) 899-8842 OR A LETTER TO THE CAMP WHITE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, P.O. BOX 2373 WHITE CITY, OR 97503.

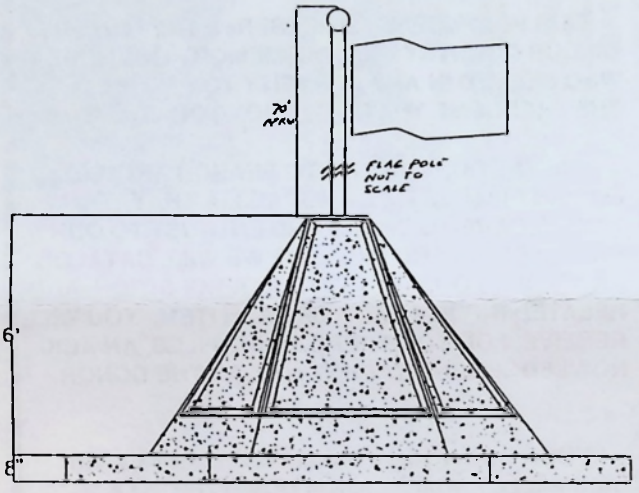
MEL COTTON
VICE PRESIDENT
CURATOR OF COLLECTIONS
CWHA

SHOWN BELOW ARE THE PLAN VIEWS OF THE CAMP WHITE HISTORICAL MONUMENT TO BE PLACED AT THE BASE OF THE EXISTING AMERICAN FLAG POLE WHICH IS LOCATED IN FRONT OF THE VETERANS DOMICILIARY. THE DOMICILIARY OCCUPIES THE ORIGINAL CAMP WHITE HOSPITAL.

THE MONUMENT WILL BE A SIX SIDED STRUCTURE WITH THE FLAG POLE EXTENDING UP THROUGH THE CENTER. THE BASE IS 5 FEET WIDE TAPERING TO 18 INCHES AT THE TOP. HEIGHT IS 6 FEET. THE FLAG POLE IS APPROXIMATELY 70 FEET TALL.

THE MONUMENT WILL BE MADE OF CONCRETE. THE ENGRAVED PLAQUES ARE BEING RESEARCHED BUT WILL BE CONSTRUCTED OF A MATERIAL THAT WILL HOLD UP TO THE ELEMENTS.

EACH OF THE SIX SIDES WILL HAVE AN ENGRAVED PLAQUE. ONE SIDE WILL BE IN RECOGNITION TO THE 91ST DIVISION AND ONE SIDE TO THE 96TH DIVISION, THE TWO DIVISIONS THAT TRAINED AT CAMP WHITE. ONE SIDE WILL BE TO THE RECOGNITION OF THE CAMP WHITE POST TROOPS . ONE SIDE IN RECOGNITION OF THE CIVILIAN WORKERS WHO BUILT THE CAMP AND THOSE WHO WORKED AT THE CAMP DURING WWII. ONE SIDE IN RECOGNITION TO THE BRANCHES OF THE ARMED FORCES, ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE, MARINES, COAST GUARD, AND MERCHANT MARINES. THE SIXTH SIDE WILL BE IN RECOGNITION OF THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION.



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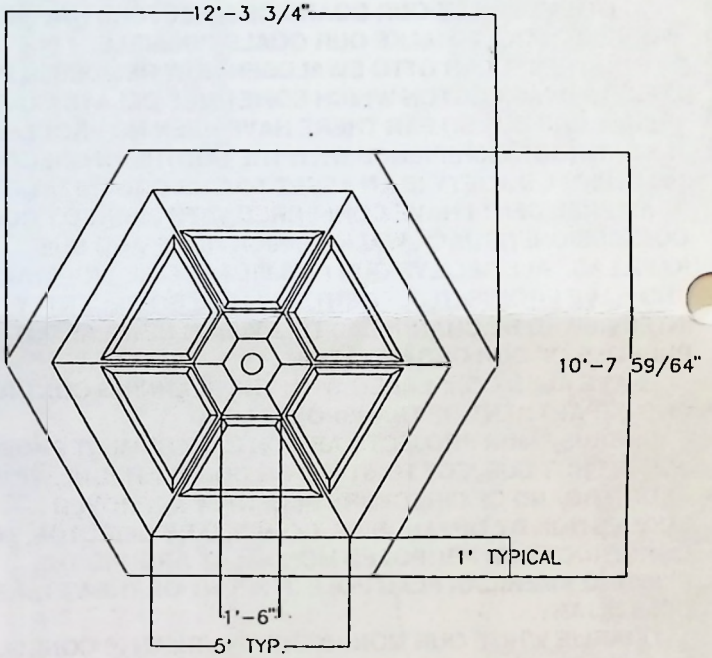

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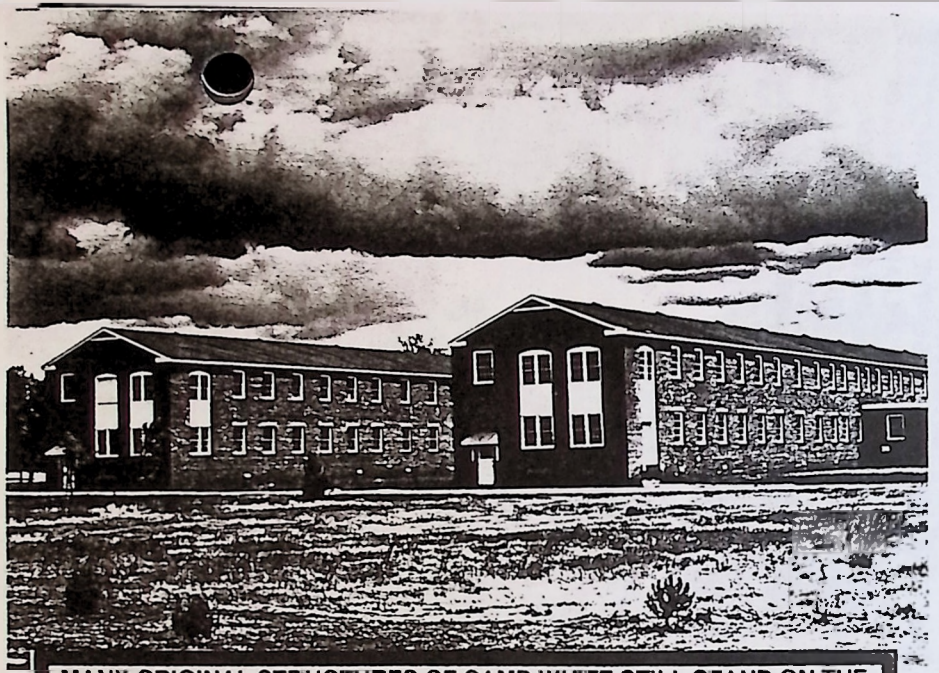
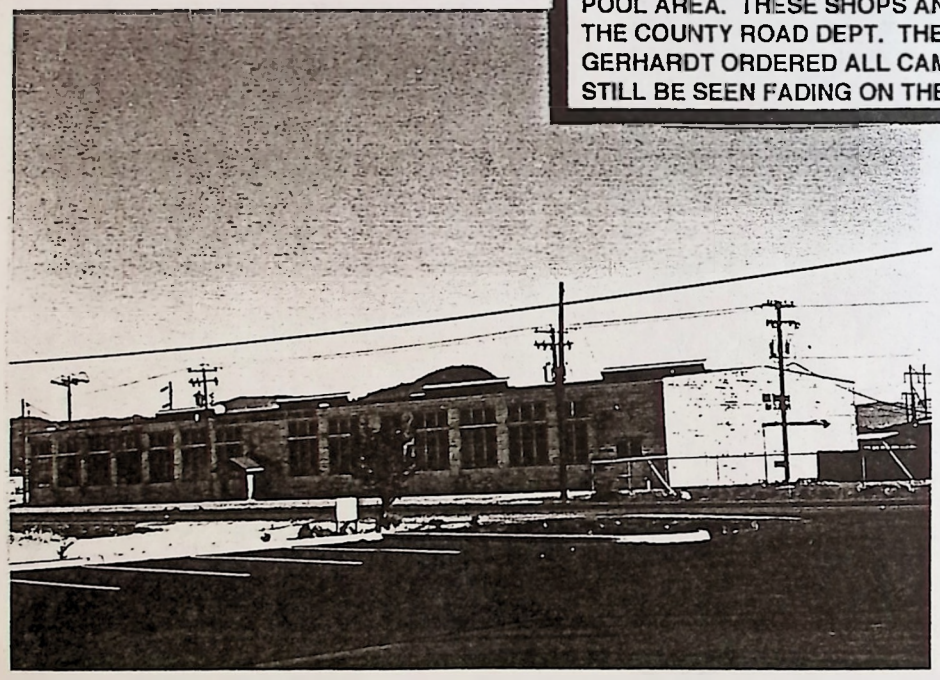


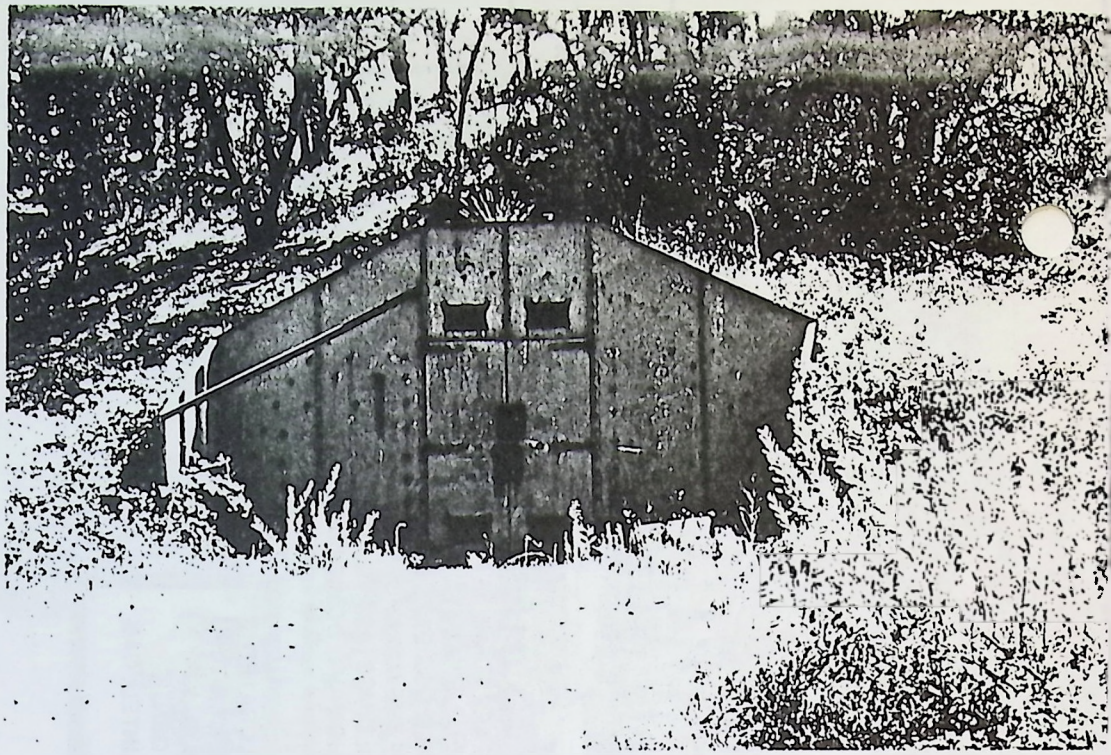
MANY ORIGINAL STRUCTURES OF CAMP WHITE STILL STAND ON THE SITES THEY WERE BUILT ON, EVEN THOUGH OVER 900 OF THE 1300 PLUS BUILDINGS WERE AUCTIONED OFF SOON AFTER THE WAR AND WERE DISMANTLED OR MOVED OFF BASE TO OTHER LOCATIONS ALL OVER SOUTHERN OREGON.

SHOWN HERE ARE SOME OF THESE STRUCTURES AS THEY STAND ON THE ORIGINAL SITES THEY WERE BUILT ON. MOST OF THE CAMP HOSPITAL BUILDINGS STILL EXIST. SHOWN HERE ARE SOME BRICK BUILDINGS OF THE MAIN HOSPITAL COMPLEX (ABOVE LEFT) AND SUPPORT BUILDINGS (ABOVE RIGHT) STILL IN USE BY THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION - VA DOMICILIARY.

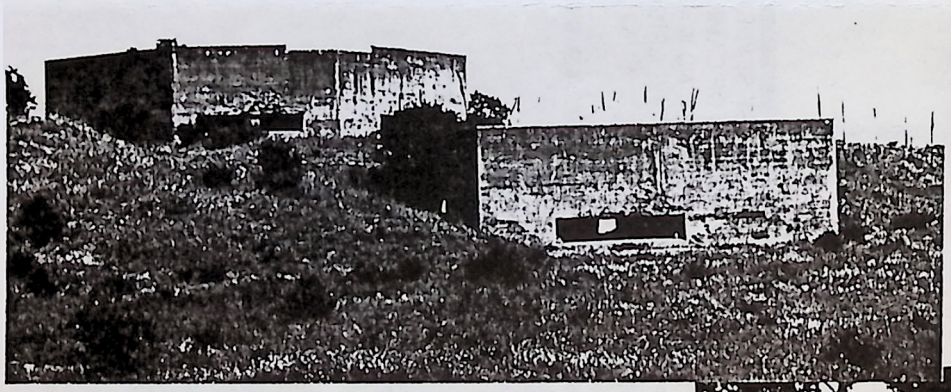
SHOWN BELOW ARE TWO OF SEVERAL EXISTING BUILDINGS LOCATED IN THE SOUTH WEST CORNER OF CAMP WHITE, THAT WAS ONCE A MOTOR POOL AREA. THESE SHOPS AND WAREHOUSES ARE IN USE TODAY BY THE COUNTY ROAD DEPT. THE ORIGINAL WHITE PAINT THAT GEN. GERHARDT ORDERED ALL CAMP WHITE BUILDINGS TO BE PAINTED, CAN STILL BE SEEN FADING ON THE SIDES OF THESE BUILDINGS.

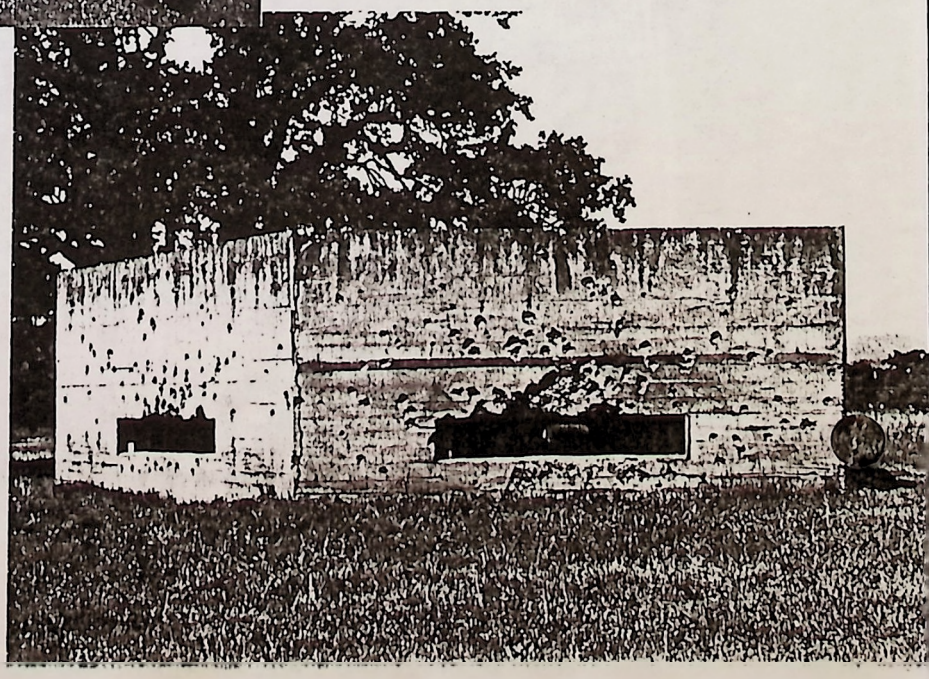


THE "IGLOOS", MUNITIONS STORAGE BUNKERS, STILL EXIST IN AN ISOLATED AREA OF CAMP WHITE BY THE ROGUE RIVER. THEY ARE USED TODAY TO STORE DYNAMITE AND OTHER EXPLOSIVES FOR CONST-RUCTION COMPANYS AND POLICE AGENCIES.

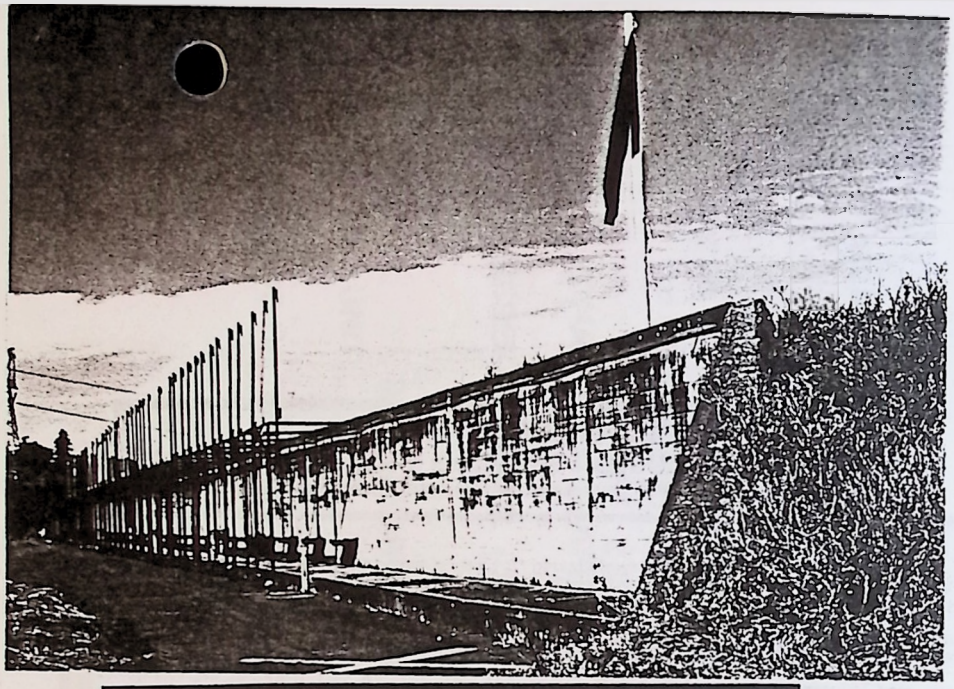


COWS NOW GRAZE AMONG THE CEMENT PILL BOXES AND FORTIFICATIONS THAT MARK THE SITE THAT WAS ONCE THE LOCATION OF THE BEAGLE FIRING RANGE, NORTH OF CAMP WHITE. OVER 25 OF THESE PILL BOXES STIL EXIST, POT MARKED BY 30 CAL. HOLES AND SMALL ARMS FIRE. CAMOUFLAGE PAINT SCHEMES, ALTHOUGH FADED, CAN STILL BE SEEN ON SOME OF THESE. THE WOOD ROOFS HAVE ALL ROTTED AND COLLAPSED WITH AGE, BUT THE CEMENT WALLS ARE IN VERY GOOD CONDITION. THE CWHA WOULD LIKE TO PLACE AN IDENTIFYING MARKER AT THIS SITE.





THERE ARE SEVERAL CAMP WHITE SITES THAT THE CWHA WOULD LIKE TO ERECT MARKERS TO IDENTIFY THERE IMPORTANCE AS HISTORICAL SITES. THE RIFLE RANGE, GERMAN VILLAGE, BEAGLE FIRING RANGE (PILL BOXES), AND DIVISION HEADQUARTERS (A MARKER ONCE STOOD AT DIV. HDQ. SITE - CWHA WOULD LIKE TO REPLACE IT).



THE ORIGINAL PISTOL AND RIFLE RANGES WHERE MANY GIS HONED THEIR SHARP SHOOTING SKILLS, ARE STILL BEING USED TODAY. PART OF THE #1 RIFLE RANGE, 200, 300, AND 600 YARD RANGE WITH IT'S PULL UP TARGETS IS USED BY THE MEDFORD PISTOL AND RIFLE CLUB. SEEN HERE ARE THE PULL UP TARGETS AND IT'S TWO ORIGINAL TARGET BUILDINGS.

"Tell them leaflet people th' krauts ain't got time fer readin' today."

Camp White Buildings Awarded To 85 Medford People, Companies, Organizations

Nine hundred sixty of the 1250 Camp White buildings offered for sale recently went to mostly Southern Oregon buyers, the Portland office of War Assets administration informed the Mail Tribune today, in furnishing a complete list of successful bidders.

All structures were sold for dismantling or off-site use. More than 800 individual bids were entered for property that originally cost the government between $13,000,000 and $14,000,000.

Contractor Gets 409

Nine public schools, one high school and five church groups claimed 43 of the buildings. A hay shed went to the Medford mounted sheriff's posse.

Medford, itself, led the list of towns with 85 individual buyers. Matheny and Bacon, Seattle contractors who bid on practically every structure, drew 409 followed next by Good Hope Wreckers of Enumclaw, Wash., with 242 buildings.

Complete list of Medford awards follows:

Individual Bidders

MEDFORD:—Frank B. Root, communications school; Wayne W. Bergman, storehouse; James C. Gray, barrack; Floyd E. Darland, barrack; Byron R. Griffith, storehouse; George H. Scott, quartermaster building; Lee R. Baumgardner, target storehouse; Kenneth R. Beebe, storehouse.

Ivan L. Gray, barrack; Mounted Sheriff's posse, hay shed; Ray A. Minger, barrack; Clifford E. Schleigh, barrack; Marion L. Flood, barrack; Ralph McLaughlin, barrack; Lucius Kincaid, oil house; Trafton D. Bench, barrack; Valmire M. Albret, barrack; Ellis L. Knight, regimental command quarters.

Vernon Cox, administration building; Tractor Sales Service Inc., barrack; James F. Hays, regimental administration and storehouse building; Vernon A. Wright, storehouse; Frank C. Clark, Jr., orderly quarters; Earl A. Westcott, guard house; Claude C. Haggard, barrack; Guy E. Davis, barrack; Raymond C. Stickler, barrack; Edward C. Welch, mess hall; Ira A Spires, salvage metal shop; W. M. Lemmon, gas instruction building.

Fred J. Flick, infirmary; Edwin R. Durno, infirmary and administration building; Paul R. Thompson, two oil houses and storage building; Lawrence H. South, infirmary; Mrs. Edith Cox, oil house; Clarence F. Smith, barrack; W. S. Richey, barrack; Culbertson Orchards, two storehouses; Charles Nelson, storehouse.

Others Are Listed

A. H. Mann, salvage warehouse; V. E. Rose, railroad oil house; Ben L. Wells, motor repair shop; Cecil Hartley, storehouse; Claude Hutton, blacksmith shop and guard quarters; L. G. Garrett, guard house; Philip H. Buteau, mess hall; W. G. Beard, Jr., two grease racks and officer quarters; Vaughan R. Beers, two oil houses; Robert A. Wilcox, barrack; Charles W. Lewis, storehouse.

Arthur L. Schutz, three regimental command quarters; Roland E. Wicker, barrack; Mamie Warden, storehouse; O. Ray, officer recreation lounge; Church of the Nazarene, barrack; Brownie's Plumbing and Heating service, general's quarters; Charles J. Myers, storehouse; William Corcoran, storehouse; H. H. Bradford, barrack; Bert Moore, guard house.

Ray E. Kincheloe, administration building; Roy Vickers, storehouse; Mrs. J. T. McKinney, storehouse; Ralph E. Waldron, Jr., two storehouses; Theo J. Guetzlaff, guard house; Everett J. Corey, oil house; Ruben C. Compton, station quartermaster building; Kenneth E. Scripter, barrack; E. H. Heath, mess hall; C. D. Wood, regimental command quarters; M. J. Swing, barrack.

John L. Applegate, storehouse; Leon L. Evans, barrack; John F. Kantor, storehouse; Louie E. Hutton, barrack; Victor A. Frost, infirmary; V. D. Brophy, storehouse and gas instruction building.

Holmes Bear Creek Orchard, latrine, motor repair shop, two barracks and an oil house; M. M. Morris, cold storage building; Harry Goold, five oil houses and four guard houses; California-Oregon Power company, mess hall; Ted Hornecker, four motor repair shops and a grease rack; Hugh C. Ingle, infirmary; LeRoy R. Tompkins, storehouse; and Page Stauffer, post exchange.

Medford School district No. 49 received two motor repair shops, and an officer quarters.

(Other awards in Oregon, California and Washington are liston page 8 in this paper.)

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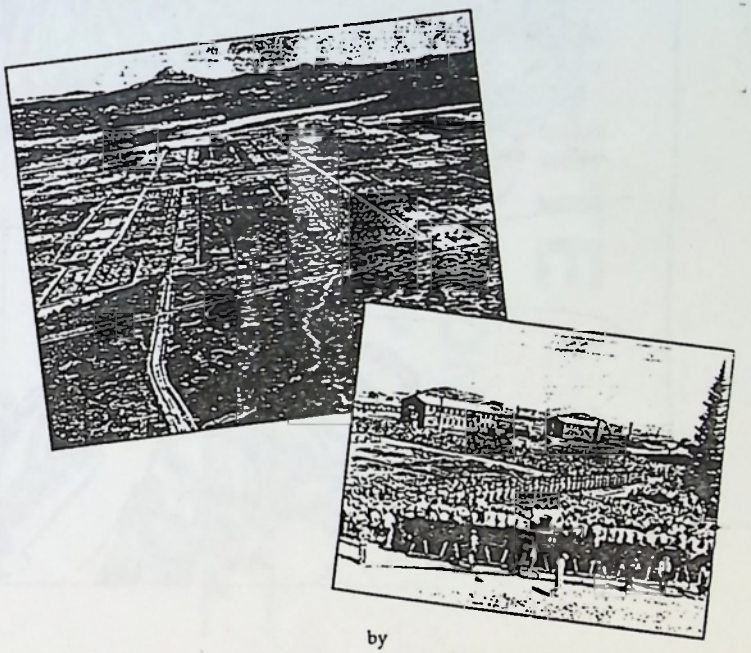

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